

# SANDERS Siftings

an exchange of Sanders/Saunders family research

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## James Sanders, Early Settler in Macon County, Illinois; A friend of Abe Lincoln

This biography of James Sanders is from the *History of Macon County, Illinois, From its Organization to 1876* by John W. Smith, Esq. (Springfield: Rokker's Printing House, 1876). This was submitted by Jim and Wanda Thompson, 2132 Hoyt Drive, Decatur, IL 62526-3015 [YFMC65A@prodigy.com]. Jim & Wanda are seeking information concerning the parents of James Sanders.

From pages 278-280 of above history:

**JAMES SANDERS.** There are but few old settlers of the county who do not remember "Uncle Jimmy Sanders." He was one of the noted men, and almost every one knew him, by reputation at least, for an area of a great many miles. He was born in Spartenburg county, S.C., June 15, 1800, and was taken on a pack-pony when very small, to Rutherford county, Tenn., where he remained until he was grown. In 1823 he married Polly Wilson, who was born in North Carolina in 1797, and died in Christian county, Ill., in 1866.

In the year 1829, he removed with his family to Illinois, where he has remained ever since. On his arrival in Illinois, he says he had a wife, five children and an "old plug of a wagon, three old plugs of horses," one good mare, 6 1/4 cents in money. The money he had in his pocket with his shot and bullets a short time after his arrival, was accidentally lost, and he was thereby "broken up."

Mr. Sanders was a man of most powerful constitution, and his strength and endurance were probably not excelled by any man in Central Illinois. On the day of Uncle Joe Steven's wedding, Mr. S., in a general trial of strength among those persons present, took a piece of lead, 75 pounds in weight, in each hand, and raised them on a level with his shoulders, and then pressed them around straight in front until they touched each other. At one time he had been sick for some length of time, and when he had



sufficiently recovered to walk to the blackberry patch, he gathered his hat full of blackberries, and then sat down and ate them all. He returned to the house and said, "Polly, I have eat a few blackberries and feel better."

He was known far and wide as a good rail-maker, and would go as far as 15 and 20 miles and make rails for parties at 25 cents per hundred, or 37 1/2 cents in trade, which he regarded as a very liberal price. He was a man that possessed a great many peculiarities, a particular mention of which, would extend this sketch quite too far. He relates to-day, with pride, as one of his greatest achievements, the fact that he at one time in a wrestling match, threw down \*Abe Lincoln, who had thrown the bully of the county.

Of Mr. Sanders children—ELLEN was born in 1823, and now resides in Kansas. JOHN, their second son, died in the Mexican War. JAMES B. died in 1854. JANE, wife of Prestly Travis, resides in Christian county. PETER H., PEGGY, MATILDA, BETHANY and AMANDA are dead. FRANK, the youngest child, was born in March, 1845, and married Annis Hollingworth, with whom Uncle Jimmy now resides. ■ \*(See more on next page.)

## Why We Sometimes Want to Identify With the Famous

We are supposed to be serious researchers and not allow ourselves to be swayed by things like what Aunt Suzie said about our being related to President John Adams or what Grandma said she heard about our being descended from that king over in France. Right? Maybe we have never been able to prove the connections, and we know it doesn't make much difference anyway, but it sure helps when you are asked questions by your friends and relatives. I mean the ones who think you are a little "touched" because of your trips to graveyards and libraries. You need something to tell them!

John McKinley, editor of the *McKinley Newsletter*, says it's a "magnetic effect" that attracts researchers to the famous personalities. Many so-called genealogists have rushed to publish family histories of Presidents. Sometimes careful research is sacrificed in the interest of producing a marketable book.

Just be warned that any published genealogy should be taken as a guide, and not as fact, if you are interested in having carefully documented research. Likewise, any published material such as obituaries, county history biographies, or family histories (or newsletters) may not always be accurately reported, may be based on "memories," or may contain typographical errors.

There are times when this hobby gets dull, and it should also be fun. Enjoy the article here about "Uncle Jimmy" Sanders and his friendship with President Lincoln. Maybe we could just find a connection! ■

## Sanders Siftings— What It Isn't

I hope you don't expect too much from this newsletter. Here are some things it is not intended to do.

First, don't expect to find your long lost ancestor in the first issue you see, or maybe even someone remotely connected to him. Also, don't expect your mailbox to be running over with answers from helpful searchers after your first query is printed. It takes patience, perseverance, and a lot of luck. Don't give up. When you least expect it, the mail man or your computer e-mail will have a pleasant surprise for you.



Don Schaefer

Remember that Sanders (or Saunders) is a very common name. Keep that in mind as you search. ALL of them did not descend from a common ancestor named Sanders or Saunders. ALL the Sanders in the U.S. did not descend from the same person. We are searching for *many* different Sanders families who entered America at *many* different points. Some will be connected to others and we hope that many of you readers will be able to find other family historians looking for the same ancestors.

Don't expect every Sanders with the same odd given name to be the one you are looking for. If you are putting out queries to seek help in finding your ancestor, be sure to have as much information as possible to identify that person—such as an approximate birth year, all the places the person has been at various times (that you know about), who they married—when and where, family members and information about them, etc. Everything helps.

Don't be disappointed if you end up giving more help to other readers than you are able to find through this newsletter. Be ready to help others when you see a possibility that your information just *might* be what a fellow searcher is looking for.

Remember, perseverance! And, most of all, continue to do your research through libraries, family history centers, and the writing of letters to friends and relatives, archives, etc. This newsletter

FROM PRECEDING PAGE

### More on Uncle Jimmy and President Lincoln

\*Note—It will be remembered in this connection (from preceding page), that Mr. Lincoln, when he first came to Illinois, was a resident of Macon county, and he and Mr. Sanders were great cronies and friends. Uncle Jim says that they spent many Sundays together fishing in the Sangamon, and were often together at barn-raising, house-raising, fox-chases and wolf-hunts. At these early gatherings, when Mr. Lincoln was an awkward gangling boy, he was often called upon, when the work was through, for a Jackson speech, and he seldom failed to respond. Mr. L.'s father was a Jackson Democrat, and his son grew up in that faith, and has made a great many Jackson speeches in this county. He afterwards changed his politics and became a Whig of the pronounced type, which incenses his father no little.

Mr. Lincoln commenced his law studies in this county under the following circumstances: He had gone to "Uncle Billy Warnick's" to see one of the girls; but in going, his shoes not being so good, he got his feet frostbitten, and was unable to return home. He remained there for a week or ten days under the medical treatment of old Mrs. Warnick, and while so doing became greatly interested in reading the statutes and a few other stray volumes of law-books, which, no doubt, afterwards materially

determined his course in adopting his profession.

It was reported in the newspapers during the campaign of 1860, that Mr. Lincoln in his early day was a great rail maker, but Mr. Sanders says that while it is true that "Abe" did make some rails, yet they were few in number.

Mr. Sanders also relates the circumstance by which Mr. L. ceased to be a resident of this county, which is this: A man by the name of Offit purchased a few hundred hogs, and Mr. Lincoln and his step-brother, John Johnson, were employed to assist in driving the hogs to market in Beardstown. When they had disposed of the hogs they invested the money in groceries, which consisted, as Uncle Jim says, of "sod corn," spun cotton, sugar and coffee, powder and lead, etc., the greater part of which were brought back as far as Salem, where they started a grocery, and Mr. Lincoln was left in charge of the goods, to keep store. This was the last of Mr. Lincoln's personal history in connection with this county.

Mr. Sanders' last interview with Lincoln was but a day or so before Lincoln's departure for Washington. As they were separating—which proved to be their last—Mr. Sanders said, "Now, Abe, don't do any wrong." Mr. Lincoln replied, "I will not, if I know it." ■

is just one research tool among many.

You will be reaching quite a few people with your queries and other information published in this newsletter. More than 200 copies of the first issue were mailed out free. As of the printing of this issue, there are 55 paid subscriptions. Copies will also go to selected libraries where it is known that there are quite a few Sanders researchers. Some of you may have noticed an ad for SANDERS Siftings that appeared in the June/July issue of *Genealogical Helper*. Subscriptions are still coming in as a result of this ad and the earlier mailings. Will keep you posted on circulation matters in coming issues.

I still need interesting material and *good pictures* for the newsletter. If I can get some useable pictures, I'll stop using mine you see above. ■

### Missing Generation?

Glenn H. Sanders, 3503 Panorama Dr., Huntsville, AL 35801, is convinced that there is just one generation missing between these two Sanders families. Can you help him fill the gap?

John Sanders, b. 1645, Nanesmond Co, VA; m. Sarah Davis, b. 1645, VA Children: Robert (1666), Thomas (1668), Sarah (1670), John (1672), James (1674), Francis Abraham (b. 1674; married Judith Pritloe of Perquimans Co, NC 1716), Richard (1678), Ann (1680).

John Sanders (d. 1772) m. Elizabeth (died 1779). Children: Thomas (1749), Jacob (1751), Sarah (1753). Joseph (1755), Henry (1757), John (1759).

Glenn is descended from Joseph. ■

## A Follow-Up On The Grant Sanders Story

If you read the article about Grant Sanders in the last issue of *SANDERS Siftings*, you may be interested in hearing what Glenn Sanders has learned from his continuing research. We correspond quite often on the Internet. Here's a message I received from him on April 6. You can sense the excitement. Perhaps you know the feeling!

. . . Last night in the mail I *finally* received the long awaited package of Sanders information from Mrs. Mary (Sanders) Cheek in Indiana. Right out of the blue. I haven't talked to her for quite a while, and had just about given up. Every time I talked to her she promised to mail it, but never did! I don't know what moved her to do it now, but I sure did appreciate it and will have to give her a call tonight.

Lots of information on descendants of Anthony that I didn't know about, esp. his children's children, and even some later than that. Very well documented - sources, everything. She's slow, but she's thorough.

My Grandfather (Grant) wrote a few stories about growing up in Indiana in the 1870's - I don't know if I've ever shared those with you, but I did send them to Mrs. Cheek quite a while ago. One of those had to do with a 4th of July celebration, and he talks about going to his Aunt & Uncle's house, where the older folks broke out the "cherry bounce". Then they left (there was some kind of a croquet game going on, apparently all over town!) and the younger kids started to drink this stuff and got quite looped. Anyway he describes the house where this took place. Mrs. Cheek sent me a picture of the house, and it is exactly as he described, down to the cupola on top. That was pretty neat to see! Incidentally, I don't think my Grandfather enjoyed the "cherry bounce" - he was a very very strict teetotaler for the rest of his life.

Also there was a picture of Lovicy Akers Saunders, obviously taken very late in her life. That was a real thrill to see!

The most exciting part is that apparently her cousin Jack had done some research in Virginia quite a few years ago, even employed a "professional"

### Johnson County, Ind. Info On Sanders Is Available

From Nancy Burton, 408 E. Main Street, Attica, IN 47918:

Anna Sanders Hustedt was a great aunt of mine by marriage—and she had quite a number of brothers and sisters. I have information on her family, and pictures. If you think you are related to this clan, contact Nancy. [nburton@sage.cc.purdue.edu]

genealogist. He had written down that there were three men - Fleming, Robert, and Peter Saunders, who formed some sort of corporation to do business in Montgomery and Franklin counties. Fleming was Anthony's first son's name, so there must be some kind of relationship there. Also I know from marriage records that Robert had a daughter named Elizabeth - Anthony's first daughter's name. The professional had recommended that Jack send for Robert's probate records, which incredibly he never seems to have done! (Guess who I'll be writing to tonight)?

Also, there was yet another Saunders boy in the 4th Reg. VA Militia for the War of 1812 that I didn't know about - William. Anthony's 3rd son (I think) was named William. Think I'll send to the Nat'l Archives for his military info, too. . . .

Later, April 18 message:

. . . I've been busy copying the info Mrs. Cheek sent me into PAF. Birth and death dates, marriages, etc. down to Anthony's grandchildren. It helps me to enter this stuff into the computer, just taking the time to do it makes me study the family a little closer. Some of those marriages were performed by my G-G-Grandfather, Martin Rodecap! It's kind of thrilling to discover that kind of info, for some reason.

Mrs. Cheek also sent me maps of Henry and Delaware Counties from 1870 or so, which shows the property boundaries - who lived where. Many of the names keep showing up in the family tree. I think anyone who has lived in those counties for any length of time must be related to everyone else, somehow. . . .

His address is: Glenn D. Sanders, 7255 South Kiowa, Larkspur, CO 80118 [sandersg%wrksta1@cobe.com] ■

## Pheobe Sanders Lee

The following was submitted by Carole Finley Davis, 553 E. FM 1392, Terrell, TX 75610. This story was compiled by her father-in-law, Louie Richard Davis of Hughes Springs, TX. Please contact Carol Davis if you know the identity of Phoebe's parents.

In the Cumberland mountains of Jackson County, Alabama, Pheobe Sanders married a man named Lee (a nephew of Robert E. Lee). By him she had two daughters and a son named George. After her first husband left her she fell in love with and married a full-blooded Indian by the name of Peek.

Pheobe was a very strong physical lady of whom there are many legends! I have personally talked to her last living granddaughter and she relayed to me that during the Civil War Grandmother Pheobe would bury as many as fifteen bodies in one night's time! My Uncle Tom, daddy's brother, related to me when I visited him in California that she could put both feet in a one-half bushel basket and shoulder two bushels of corn, and few men could do that!

My grandmother related to my older cousins that her husband, Peek, got to drinking more and getting drunk and rough with her and the kids! Being an Indian, her husband liked to drink whiskey and all Indians seem to become alcoholics easily! Pheobe bought some whiskey and when he got drunk she still gave him more until he passed out! Grandmother and her kids packed a little bag on their shoulder and left, going over the mountain and never saw Peek again.

Pheobe's elder daughter married Asa Fowler and is buried in the Fowler Cemetery at the head of Fowlers Cove in Jackson County, Ala. The Fowler home was partially standing when we were there in 1975. On this trip Melvin Fowler and three of his sons placed a concrete slab and metal marker on G-Grandmother Pheobe's grave.

Pheobe had two daughters, Mrs. Fowler and my grandmother, Mary Angeline Lee Davis. Mary Angeline Lee was born 22 Dec 1857. She married Martin Vanburen Davis 23 Oct 1879. She died 27 Mar 1924 and is buried at Gunsight Cemetery north of Cisco, Texas beside her husband. They had two sons and two daughters. ■

## Is This Robert Sanders In Virginia Yours?

Glenn Sanders sent off for this will of Robert Saunders from Montgomery County, Virginia, but it wasn't the person he thought it might be. Is it someone you are looking for?

In the name of God, Amen, I Robert Saunders of the County of Montgomery and State of Virginia, do hereby make and ordain the following as my last will and testament.

First - I request that my boddy be decently burryed and my funeral expences be paid first. Also all my just debts.

Second - I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Saunders all my property, both real and personal, that I may be possessed of at my decease - to have and to hold the same during her life and at her decease all necessary funeral expences be paid out of said propperty.

Third - I give and bequeath to my wifes sister Ellen Elizabeth Trigg, all the propperty both real and personal that may be remaining at the decease of my wife to the said Ellen Elizabeth Trigg - and her heirs forever.

In testimony whereof, I set my hand and seal this fourteenth of July, 1877.

Robert Saunders (his mark).

Witness A.C. Hardwick  
H.R.Plunkett

His address is: Glenn D. Sanders,  
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## Jackson County, Alabama, Connections?

Don Schaefer (editor of this newsletter), 1297 Deane Street, Fayetteville, AR 72703-1544, [dschaefer@comp.uark.edu]. My g-grandfather, Benjamin V. Sanders, b. 1843 Jackson Co, AL; my g-g-grandfather, John Sanders, b 1822 in NC; and my g-g-g-grandfather, Francis Sanders, b. 1782 in NC, all lived in Jackson Co, AL at one time or another, as did hundreds of other Sanders.

I am interested in corresponding with any descendants of these men or any other Sanders with connections to Jackson County, Alabama. ■

## Do You Have Anything In Common With These Sanders From Gary Hood?

This is from Gary Hood, HoodPress, P.O. Box 31639, Phoenix, AZ 85046 [KFRS95A@prodigy.com] [73444.2233@compuserve.com] [GaryDHood@aol.com]

Do you have a connection to any of my Sanders?

Andrew Jackson Sanders, b 22 Apr 1838 Sangamon Co., IL, d 1914  
"Carrie" Eliz. Sanders, b 23 Jul 1893 Elmwood, Peoria Co., IL, d 1893  
Dorothy Ann Sanders, b 20 Jan 1841 Green Co., KY  
Easton (Eastin) Sanders, b 12 Sep 1812 TN, d 1883  
Elijah Sanders, b circa 1780 Jackson Co., TN, d 1829  
Elijah Thomas Sanders, b 29 Sep 1829 Green Co., KY  
Elisabeth F. Sanders, b 6 May 1867 Sangamon Co., IL  
Elisha Sanders Sr, b 16 Jan 1803 Green Co., KY, d 1893  
Elisha T. Sanders, b 2 Jul 1830 Sangamon Co., IL, d 1898  
Eliza Ann Sanders, b 17 Sep 1842 Sangamon Co., IL, d 1865  
Elizabeth R. Sanders 12 Aug 1838 Green Co., KY  
Ermine Sanders, b 15 May 1860 Elmwood, Peoria Co., IL, d 1942  
Calwell (Caldwell) Sanders, b 16 Oct 1851 Green Co., KY, d 1925  
George Washington Sanders, b 6 Apr 1835 Sangamon Co., IL, d 1921  
Goldie Sanders, b 20 Apr 1894 IL, d 1894  
Harriet Ann Sanders, b 25 May 1836 Sangamon Co., IL, d 1919  
Henry Easton Sanders, b 7 Jan 1834 Green Co., KY, d 1884  
John Sanders, b after 1863 Taylor Co., KY  
John Chandler Sanders, b 1 Jun 1864 Elmwood, Peoria Co., IL, d 1927  
John Chandler Sanders Jr, b 6 Dec 1831 Green Co., KY, d 1869  
John Chandler Sanders Sr., b 10 Apr 1802 Green Co., KY, d 1863  
John H. Sanders, b 26 Jun 1827 Green Co., KY, d 1869  
Joseph M. Sanders, b 16 Oct 1844 Sangamon Co., IL, d 1880  
Leslie Lee Sanders, b 10 Nov 1887 Taylor Co., KY, d 1933  
Lucinda Sanders, b 1809 KY, d 1872

Lucinda Eastin Sanders, b 12 Feb 1847 Green Co., KY, d 1849  
Margaret Ann Sanders, b 23 Oct 1827 Green Co., KY  
Mary Ann Sanders, b 18 Oct 1828 Green Co., KY, d 1848  
Mary Jane Sanders, b 10 Jan 1825 Green Co., KY, d 1907  
Minnie Eliza Sanders, b 14 Dec 1897 Sangamon Co., IL, d 1918  
Miriam Eliz Sanders, b 16 Dec 1918 Marion Co., IN  
Mitchell Ray Sanders, b 17 Feb 1889 Taylor Co., KY  
Elijah (Easton) Sanders, b 5 Nov 1873 Taylor Co., KY, d 1922  
Nancy Ann Sanders, b 14 Dec 1845 Sangamon Co., IL, d 1924  
Nancy Robinson Sanders, b 23 Oct 1844 Green Co., KY, d 1870  
Nellie Sanders, b circa 1771 Green Co., KY  
Rachael Mina Sanders, b 30 Aug 1869 Taylor Co., KY  
Ralph Sanders, b 8 Mar 1890 Rochester Redford Sanders, b 17 Jan 1894 KY  
Robert B. Sanders, b 3 May 1836 Green Co., KY, d 1893  
Robert E. Sanders, b 26 May 1825 Green Co., KY, d 1905  
Robert Thomas Sanders, b 25 Feb 1896 Rochester, IL  
Roy Ervin Sanders, b 1 Oct 1888 Christian Co., IL  
Ruth Sanders, b circa 1778 Green Co., KY  
Sophia Elizabeth Sanders, b 12 Nov 1892 Rochester  
Stephen A. Douglas Sanders, b 9 Dec 1852 Sangamon Co., IL, d 1929  
Timothy E. M. Sanders, b 2 Jun 1841 Sangamon Co., IL, d 1904  
Virgil Claude Sanders, b 27 Nov 1888 Rochester  
William Lewis Sanders, b 7 Feb 1866 KY, d 1912  
William M. Sanders, b 10 Jan 1832 Sangamon Co., IL, d 1907  
William Richard (B.) Sanders, b 23 Aug 1823 Green Co., KY, d 1847 ■

### Be Patient; Maybe Next Issue

If your query is not in this issue, I'll try to get it in the next one. Quite a few people were heard from as this publication got started. ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

From Patsy J. Foster, 15731 Butterfield St., Westminster, CA 92683-6930.

My 3rd great-grandfather, Elisha Sanders, was b. ca 1795 in NC, and died in Hempstead Co, AR 4 Aug 1875. He married Zilly Ann (Zilly) Dickerson in Rutherford Co, TN 25 Mar 1818. They had nine children: Susannah, b. 1820, m. William Castleman; William (Drew) b. 1820, m. Jiles Villers; Eli W. b. 1831; Harriet E., b. 1833, m. Nicholas Leek; Sarah, b. 1837, m. 1st to Jim Tollett, 2nd to Mr. Dyer, Elisha Hampton, b. 1839, m. Elizabeth Crawford; and John P., b. 1845, m. Misenire Myrick.

Was Elisha Sanders, b. ca 1795 in NC, the son of Elisha Sanders, Sr., who was on the tax lists in Johnston Co, NC, from 1799-1803? Elisha, Sr. was in Wilson Co, TN by 1804 and in Rutherford Co, TN in 1810-1840. Interested in corresponding with anyone connected to these lines.

Marlene Wilkenson, 6876 Richard Wilson Dr., Millington, TN 38053-3934, [OMWilkenson@delphi.com]. Help will be appreciated.

Robert Sanders, b. 10 May 1770, NC, died Jul 1844, Claiborne Co, MS. Married 1st \_\_\_\_\_; children: Elizabeth Ann, b. 1818 and Parthana (Thana). Married 2nd Ann Caroline (?Baker) Gibson 14 Dec 1820; children: Sina, b. 4 May 1823 and Robert Baker, b. 14 Oct 1828. Ann had previously married Robert W. Gibson, b. before 1784, Fairfield Co, SC, died 1820 Franklin Co, MS. Their children: Mary Polly, George Washington (b. abt 1811), Ann Caroline (b. abt 1817), Elizabeth Ann, and John Wilson. Robert Sanders was appointed guardian of these children.

Everett W. Pease, 12103 Avenida Sivrita, San Diego, CA 92128. Would appreciate any info.

Several family lines in the Wright Co, MO area. Peter Sanders, b. 1781 NC, and his wife, Michel Tarbutton, b. Richmond Co, NC. The Sanders family lived in Tennessee, Illinois, Arkansas, migrated to Wright Co, MO 1840-45. I believe Peter and Michel both died Wright Co; need date of death and place of burial. Joseph Sanders, b. abt 1808 NC, m. Catherine (Kate) Moody, b. abt 1811, OH. Also need death dates and

burial places, probably Wright Co. Who were parents of Kate Moody? William C. Sanders, b. Dec 1839, TN, son of Joseph and Kate. He went by ox team from Wright Co. to California in 1856; m. Matilda L. Longcor in 1869. William C. Sanders died 1905, Yuba City, CA.

Ron Eagan, 510 County Road 2550 N, Mahomet, IL 61853-9716, [102012.2174@compuserve.com] is looking for information on Moses and Goola \_\_\_ Sanders. They apparently moved from Jefferson Co, IL to Greene Co, AR prior to the 1850 census. By 1860 they were in Johnson Co, AR. Who are their parents? The 1860 census record Moses' birth state as Georgia and Goola's as North Carolina. Their son Francis Marion Sanders (b. abt 1835 in Jefferson Co, IL) is my ancestor.

(Will print more about Francis Marion Sanders in the next issue.)

Mary Donna Foley, 460 Weston Road, Russell Springs, KY 42642, [71101.1074@compuserve.com].

Ona/Onnica Sanders b. c1829; d. after 1870; m. c1846 Jacob Elswick b. c1826; d. after 1870. Ona/Onnica probably the daughter of Thomas J. and Elizabeth McBrayer Sanders. 1850 Pike Co, KY census: Jacob and Onnica are listed between Ichabod Sanders and Thomas J. Sanders. 1860 census: They are listed Jackson and Onisa, living between Susan Moore and Wade Sanders. Children in composite listing from 1850, 1860, 1870 Pike Co, KY census records:

Elizabeth Elswick, b. c1847
Mary Elswick, b. 1850
Rodice "Dicey" Jane Elswick, b. c1851
m. 1868 John Gibson, Pike Co, KY
Abram Elswick, b. c1852
Sarah Elswick, b. c1855
Hannah M. Elswick, b. c1856
Ichabod Elswick, b. c1857; m. 20 Apr 1881 Julia Colley, Dickenson Co, VA
Susan/Susannah Elswick, b. 1860
Huldah Elswick, b. c1863; m. 1st ___;
m. 2nd 5 Nov 1890 James Swiney, Buchanan Co, VA
William R. Elswick, b. c1864
James H. Elswick, b. c1865; m. 14 Jul 1887 Lucy Stewart, Buchanan Co, VA
Bud Elswick, b. Dec 1869 VA
Pike Co, KY birth records show a

Mary A. Elswick, b. 1 Aug 1854 d/o Jacob and Araminta Sanders.

Who were Ona/Onnica's parents, and what is the correct spelling of her name? When did she die? Where did she get married? Who were Jacob Elswick's parents? Would like marriages for all children. Would also like more information on John Gibson's family.

(More queries from Mary Donna Foley in the next newsletter.)

Floydene Sanders Gillihan, 449 Fort Worth St., Hampton, VA 23669-0449.

The earliest information I have on my g-g-grandfather, Robert Sanders, is in the 1850 Tishomingo Co, MS census:

Robert Sanders	50 m	farmer	S.C.
Mary	21 f		Tenn
Burril	1 m		Ala
Green Thorn	25 m		Ala
Sarah	25 f		Tenn

From other records, later children were born in 1852 Ala. (Samantha), then 1854 Miss. (Ellihu), 1857 Ark. (John Henry), 1864 & 1866 Ark. (George and Andrew J.). By following the children's places of birth, I concluded that Robert and Mary (Haney) Sanders came to Arkansas between 1854-1857. They settled in IZARD Co, Ark. near the community of Dolph. They lived on what became known as "Sanders lane." Many of their descendants still live there.

Where was Robert Sanders for the years 1800-1850, which represents half his life? His tombstone lists the date of his death as 1882. What did he do for those fifty years? Who were his parents? Brothers and sisters? Who were Green and Sarah Thorn in the Robert Sanders household in 1850?

Judy Davis, 800 County Road 336, Chelsa, AL 35043 needs help in finding the parents of Joseph Sanders, b. 31 Aug 1812 SC; m. Eleanor Williams 12 Dec 1834 in Perry Co, AL. He died 7 Oct 1903 in Perry County. Their children, born from 1835 to 1854 were: Mary Elizabeth, Thomas Alexander, Margaret Louisa, John Danforth, Joseph, Jr., Benjamin F., George Washington, Rebecca Ann, Hiram Newton, and William Jefferson. One researcher has suggested that Benjamin Sanders of Dallas Co, AL may be Joseph's father.

## Something about the Saunders—back to the old country

The following was received from Tom Fredericks, 1664 Larch St., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3H 3X1, [ac636@ccn.cs.dal.ca]

Ora Jackson Saunders, the authoress of the Saunders family material which formed the nucleus of this family genealogy, writes ..... "the text which follows was excerpted from "an old book in a genealogical library in Boston" [doubtless the NEGHS].

"The name Saunders is one of German origin, and the first holder was Robert, Lord of Innsbruck. His son was Charles; then came Charles Junior, then David, Robert, Eula (who married Annulla, daughter of Hebe, Prince of Denmark). His son Harlowen Saunders came to England in 1370 and married Marianna, daughter of Sir Edward Marsh.

"They lived in Northampton and Buckingham until the reign of Charles II [1660-1685]. About this time the family removed to Ireland where they owned lands in County Wicklow, Kildare, Meath and Dublin. They were active in local government. John Stafford Saunders was a Lt. General in the army and his nephew, Edward Henry, Royal Navy, was killed while sailing home during the War of 1812 when his ship was captured.

"The line continues as follows: Sir Harlowen, Sir Robert, Sir Charles, etc. until we get to Cromwell's time when nearly all the Saunders turned their backs on the Crown and became Roundheads. By this time they incurred the terrible enmity of the Crown and this led to the disruption of the family. Old parish books tell us the history of the heads of this family who clustered principally about Weeke, Parish of Downton, County of Wilts. In Weeke there was a quaint old house with a tract of many acres. I [Marshall Saunders] was able to secure a picture of it, and often show it among the slides in my lectures. I have also a wood cut of the fine old village church still standing and visited by the descendants of the many Saunders, men and women, who came from England in 1620 and succeeding years. In John Saunders' will he calls himself "I, John Saunders of Weeke, in ye parish of Downton, in ye county of

Wilts, Old England" [Wayne Neily believes that this is the John Saunders who married Hester Rolfe]. The will was sealed with the crest of the Saunders arms, an elephant's head. John Saunders body was in New England, but his heart remained in the Old Land. The persecutions endured in England were pathetic. The Reverend Lawrence Saunders was murdered [Wayne Neily reports that he was burned at Coventry, in 1555, and that his great grandson, Thomas Saunders, was born in Amsterdam and removed to New Amsterdam in 1636. There is no known relationship to our Saunders line.] with Cranmer and Latimer. Sir Edward Saunders went to the Southern States. He was in the Old Virginia Settlement affair, and with Lord Cavendish and Sir Edmund Sackville, was assisted by a worthy and wealthy merchant of London, Thomas Weston, who was largely engaged in the fisheries on the Nova Scotia coast".

In America the Saunders family were among the founders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Benjamin Franklin used the pseudonym Richard Saunders for his "Poor Richards Almanac".

Ora Jackson Saunders continues .... "The Saunders coat of arms, with three elephant heads may spring from Sanders of Northants, before the end of the Middle Ages. The Elephant heads which speak of Alexander the Great, patron of all Sanders.

"Other old books tell of the heads of this family around Downton, Wilts, Weeke "a quaint old house with large lands". This disrupted family came to New England around 1620 and succeeding years".

From many books of the 16th and 17th century we find them people of culture and money. They became freemen right away and took an active part in the places they settled. It is believed that their reasons for leaving the Old Country were either political or religious. Bloody Mary had some of them beheaded for being Protestants; notably Sir Lawrence whose only child became Sir Samuel, father of Sir Henry, who may be in our direct line.

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The Historical Library [49nd Street & 5th Ave, New York, New York] has a reference to Christopher and Joseph Saunders [Holmes gives Christopher and George]; brothers in Windsor, Connecticut. These two brothers quarreled and dissolved business partnership. Both were wealthy men.

John Saunders owned many ships and was one of the outstanding Saunders in New England of his generation. John was born in Wiltshire and owned much land there. He had a brother, William, a sea captain, who also owned ships. After 1623 John and William used their ships to bring to America their relations and neighbours from Wiltshire. They colonized four places in Massachusetts and one in Rhode Island [Saunders, Sandeys, Saundersville, Saunderstown]. These shipowners also took people to Virginia, North and South Carolina and some to Canada.

Nearly all their immediate family settled in Salem, Massachusetts, which later Salem became part of New Hampshire. Here William, John and their cousin, Sir Henry, started a ship building business. John settled there in 1631. He made many trips to England and to Barbados. He frequently conferred with Queen Elizabeth about conditions in Massachusetts and stopped the cruel treatment of the Quakers. A very prominent man, he also succeeded in stopping that cruel "gang" of Puritans and their whipping posts in Salem, Boston, Newport and other places. One of his nieces or cousins returned to England to be a lady in waiting to Queen Elizabeth [Mary Saunders, born in Massachusetts]. ■

### **Pssst . . . Want a Tip?**

There is a mountain of Sanders material in the Litchfield, IL, Public Library. Back in the 1960s, Walter R. Sanders collected Sanders notes from all over the country. He later donated them to his hometown library and they were bound into 15 volumes. I understand he wrote a history, too. This little library is probably the only place you'll find them. ■

## Short Takes . . .

These are brief bits of information sent in by readers of the first issue. Some of these blurbs are much too brief to sufficiently identify the ancestors, but maybe this is enough to put these people in the "ball park."

Sent in by R.C.Edwards, 7809 Hayfield Rd., Alexander VA 22315-4023 [rmln\_rek@zippy.saic.com]. I have been searching in vain for info on my great-grandmother, Sara SANDERS Cole, supposedly the widow of a Mr. Cole who was killed in the Civil War. She married my great-grandfather, Andrew Jackson Edwards on 23 Mar 1862 in Brown County OH, and she died in Greene County IL on 5 Jan 1929.

Vickey Baumli, 515 E. 4th Street, Maryville, MO 64468, [0700647@acad.nwmissouri.edu]: I would like to find descendants of John Saunders/Sanders, b. abt 1760, m. Esther Griffin, b. 1781, DE. John died 1823. They resided in Monongalia County, VA/WV.

Woodson Campbell, E. 4257 26th Ave, Spokane, WA 99223, [campbell@wfoclan.usbm.gov]. Peter Storm, a native of Kentucky, married about 1803 Ann Maria SAUNDERS, a native of Maryland and the descendant of an old family. Their daughter, Nancy (Storm) Earp, died in Monmouth, Illinois in 1851. The Storm and SAUNDERS families are known to have lived in Nelson, Grayson, and Ohio Counties in Kentucky. I wish to exchange information with anyone having knowledge of these families.

Janet M Habel 2640 Arbor Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312, [janhabel@bcfree.net.seflin.lib.fl.us]. I am descended from Capt John Sanders, b 22 Jan 1756, m Sarah Grant.

Marsha Richins, 1909 Chapel Wood Rd., Columbia, MO 65203 [richins@fs1.bpa.missouri.edu]. Looking for Henry SANDERS, born 1808? in North Carolina; married 1837 Mrs. Emily Wimberly (maiden name Rucker) in Caldwell Co., Ky in 1850, living in Caldwell Co. with wife and 7 children; died 1889? in Illinois.

W. C. Sanders, 517 NJ Road, Browns Mills, NJ 08015 was told that the Sanders family was "a mixture of Irish and Black Dutch." Wants to know meaning of "Black Dutch."

Virginia Howell, 605 Webb Mill Bridge Rd., Hornsby, TN 38044, [HowellV@ten-nash.ten.k12.tn.us] I am researching the family of William F. SANDERS who was born in TN ca. 1815-17. He md. Martha Houston in Lincoln Co, TN on 2 Jan 1842 and they later moved to McNairy Co, TN. I believe that she was the dau of Levi Houston. Does anyone have any info on this line?

Pat S. Drennan, 285 W. Grandview, Sierra Madre, CA 91024 has an interest in the Sanders line beginning with Nathaniel Sanders, d. 1745, Edgcombe NC.

W. Keith Fisher, P. O. Box 21131, Columbus, OH 43221-0131, [wfisher@infinet.com]. I am descended from Robert Samuel Sanders, b in PA but later moved with his parents to Culpepper Co. VA. He served about 4 yrs. with the Legionaires of General Anthony Wayne's Indian Campaign.

David Wilma, 120 Ulloa St., San Francisco, CA 94127, [DavidWilma@aol.com]. I am researching the SAUNDERS surname in Nova Scotia and Ontario after the American Revolution

Peggy Wiggins Mahoney, 46 Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, [NWGW10A@prodigy.com]. I am trying to find out family history on my g-g-grandmother, Matilda SAUNDERS, b 1830 in western NC or east TN. The only information I have is she m. Benjamin Johnson and they were living in Cherokee Co, NC on the 1860 census but not there on the 1850 census. Their son, Harvey Smith Johnson, was my g-grandfather and b. 10/11/1863 in Cherokee Co, NC.

David E. Gregg, Route 8, Box 279, Florence, AL 35630 [MHPD37B@prodigy.com]. I descend from Henry Sanders born ca. 1799 in KY and moved to Parke Co, IN.

Donna Kidder Naismith, 2284 N. Elmdale Ave., Simi Valley CA 93065, [XTWR63B@prodigy.com]. My g-grandmother was Juliette Elizabeth Saunders Kidder of MA. Her birth cert. states Sanders, though, marriage & death list her as Saunders.

Janice Morris, 15351 Clarke Road., Coden, AL, 36523, [KJNX22A@prodigy.com]. Need info on Frances Marion Sanders, b. abt 1834, m. Jeanetta Jane Langston 1 Nov 1855.

Lynn Goodman, 13614 Winterberry Ridge, Midlothian, VA 23112, [WMGB28A@prodigy.com] is researching Sanders/Saunders in Moore Co, NC in early 1800's. Hardy Sanders, b. 1803 and son Brittan.

Scott Ferrel, P. O. Box 1867, Port Townsend, WA 98368, [scott@olympus.net]. My Sanders ancestors lived in the area of Terre Haute (Virgo Co.), IN about 1830-1880.

Jane A. Sanders, 914 Jefferson Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383, [JASanders@aol.com]. I am descended from William Sanders from SC, whose sons migrated to Davidson Co, TN, and finally southern IL in about 1834.

Cindy DYER, 11278 S. Bell Ridge Dr., Sandy, UT 84094, [RUWS06A@prodigy.com]. I descend from Solomon Sanders/Saunders b. somewhere in KY and moved to Fulton Co, Ark. about 1840. Wife's name was Rachel.

Harold A. Sanders, Jr., 8033 Vincent Circle N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55444, [AEAF14A@prodigy.com]. I'm a 9th generation Sanders tracing my forebears back to ca 1700 and Joseph Sanders and Jerusha Pennington of New Jersey.

Dolores Oiler, 22551 Tail Race Road, Aldie, VA 22001, [Dolores@966aol.com]. I am seeking information on John Wynal Sanders, father of Rev. Nathaniel Sanders, and the Rev. Robert Sanders, pastors of Broad Run Baptist Church in Fauquier County, VA. Would like to hear from relatives.

Jo Ann Brant Schmidt, 15322 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062-2716, [HCGP88A@prodigy.com]. I descend from Robert Sanders, Caldwell and Trigg Counties, KY early 1800s. His daughter married William R. Smith in Clinton County, IL.

R. C. Edwards, 7809 Hayfield Road, Alexandria, VA 22315-4023, [rmln\_rek@zippy.saic.com]. I have been searching for info on my great-grandmother, Sarah Sanders Cole, supposedly the widow of a Mr. Cole who was killed in the Civil War. She married my great-grandfather, Andrew Jackson Edwards on 23 Mar 1862 in Brown County, OH.

Mrs. N. E. Holt, 437 Del Oro Ave., Davis, CA 95616, [PSBF51A@prodigy.com]. My husband's Sanders line was from Tenn. I understand they are a hugh family. We have very little information on them.

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## Large Database of Saunders Descendants

From Tom Fredericks, 1664 Larch St., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3H 3X1, [ac636@ccn.cs.dal.ca]

Looking for descendants of John Saunders and Hester Rolfe who arrived in the ship "Confidence" approx 1638. Settled in Salisbury Mass. (1638), Newbury Mass. (1642) and Salem/Haverhill Mass./NH (approx 1650). I believe he was the son of John Saunders, b. abt 1590, Weeks Parish, Downton, Wiltshire, England.

I have traced over 600 direct descendants (from 1750's to 1900) in Nova Scotia from two of their great-grandchildren who moved from Haverhill to Yarmouth N.S. in the 1750's. I am now interested in building a better profile of the Saunders who remained in the U.S., particularly in the Haverhill area. ■

### Notes About This Issue

Slightly larger type is being used in this issue and the format has been changed from four columns per page to three.

In this issue I have started listing the e-mail address right after the other address in brackets [ ], if the person has an e-mail address. It will be listed as an Internet address, so if you are on Compuserve, Prodigy, America-On-Line, or whatever—you can recognize the part of the address that is to be used for your service

It will be very much appreciated if you send me your queries and other material via e-mail. If your material is already on your computer, and you use e-mail, try "pasting" your copy into your message. (You may have to change the type to ASCII first.) After you have done that, send it to me at [dschaeffe@comp.uark.edu] or [XWFR63A]. If you can't e-mail, but can put your copy on a 3 1/2" disk in WordPerfect (5.0) or most anything on a Macintosh, send it to me that way, and I'll return your disk.

This newsletter is done in QuarkXPress 3.3 on a Macintosh LCII computer. I output on an Apple Personal LaserWriter NTR. Text type is 10pt. Berkeley Medium on 11pt line spacing. Display type is Berkeley and Opine Heavy. ■

## Sanders Reunion To Be July 29 In San Angelo, Tex.

The *Sanders Genealogy Exchange* is sponsoring a Sanders "reunion" on Saturday, July 29, 1995, at the Goodfellow AFB Recreation Center on Lake Nasworthy just outside of San Angelo, Texas, from 10 a.m. till ??.

It's actually a convention rather than a reunion, so anyone interested in Sanders genealogy is invited. The Goodfellow Recreation Center offers boating, swimming, playground, tables, ice machine, a large covered pavilion, and much more.

Anyone desiring more information should contact Wanda Hamilton, 307 Linklea Drive, Duncanville, TX 75137-4311. ■

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## Nine Generations of Sanders, S.C. to Calif.

Jerry Daniel Sanders, 6856 Hesperia Ave., Reseda, CA 91335

Joseph Sanders

Henry Sanders, b. 1751 Perquimans Co, NC; died 1834 Monroe Co, IN  
Joseph Sanders, b. 1782, SC; died 1854, Orange Co, IN

Wright Sanders, b. 1817, Orleans, IN  
Elisha Sanders, b. 1841, Orleans, IN; died 1881 Willow Hill, IL

Charles Landingham Sanders, b. 1863, Mitchell, IN; died 1934, Merom, IN

Harry Kenneth Sanders, b. 1894, Newton, IN; died 1977, Toledo, OH  
Wayne Kenneth Sanders, b. 1917, Fort Wayne, IN

Jerry Daniel Sanders, b. 1940, Toledo, OH

Not much is known of the parents or origin of Joseph of the eldest generation. According to family tradition, Joseph Sanders and wife Mary came from England and apparently first settled in South Carolina.

Henry, son of Mary and Joseph, was captured by the British at the Battle of Rocky Mount, near his home, as he was gathering acorns to feed General Green's starving army. After being confined for some time, he escaped and continued fighting in the Revolutionary cause until the war ended. He was among the first to volunteer for the Rev. War, and was in service until the Battle of Yorktown. ■

## Need Parents of Thomas Sanders

Bert and Doris Sanders Hudson, 731 Fisk, Moberly, MO 65270 are seeking the name of Thomas Sanders' father and his mother's maiden name. His mother was Hester (or Ester) Sanders. Hester arrived in Kentucky around 1820 with her five children. We do not know the name of her spouse, what happened to him, or her maiden name. She remarried 18 Jul 1825 in Trigg Co, KY to Ephriam Harnsberger.

Her five Sanders children were:

William, b. 1806, SC; died ca 1860-70 Livingston Co, KY; m. Nancy Adams 1 Dec 1823

Cynthia, b. 1808; m. Joshua Adams 19 Mar 1824, Trigg Co, KY

John, b. 1810, SC; died after 1880; m. Sarah Goodwin

Thomas, b. 24 Apr 1812, SC; died 1883, Trigg Co, KY; m. Harriet Ladd Sarah, b. ca 1817; m. David Prescott 11 Nov 1841, Caldwell Co, KY

Doris Sanders Hudson is descended from two of Thomas Sanders' sons, William Dudley Sanders (1839) and Harvey Clinton Sanders (1837) because her grandparents, William Thomas Sanders (1867) and Claudia Alma Sanders (1877), children of the two brothers listed above, were cousins. Doris' father is Harvey Clarence Sanders (1898). ■

### More Short Takes . . .

Suzanna Butchvarov, 2507 Princeton Road, Iowa City, IA 52245, [XTUA69B@prodigy.com]. I'm trying to find the Sanders who were the parents of Judith (or Judah) Sanders, who married James Bradley in VA, moved to Caswell Co, NC, and were the parents of Ann Bradley—who married Lt. Wm. Haynie (Revolutionary War).

Diann Spence, 3609 Keller Road, Temple, TX 76504, [PJXJ54A@prodigy.com]. Alexander Sanders McKenzie, b. 1787 SC, died 1864 near Selmer, McNairy, TN. Several other McKenzies married Sanders/Saunders. Don't know where. He married Elizabeth Burton Arnett 1806 in Pulaski Co, KY. She was from Rowan Co, NC. They eloped to KY, where I think he was from. Was Alexander Sanders McKenzies' mother a Sanders/Saunders? ■

# Sanders *Siftings*

an exchange of Sanders/Saunders family research



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